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Convicted Killer Charged with 1980 Cold Case Murder

A man currently serving time for murder has been charged with the killing of a Silver Lake woman more than 30 years ago, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Deputy District Attorney Stacie Gravely of the Sex Crimes Division said Harold Anthony Parkinson (dob 5/31/59) is scheduled to be arraigned this afternoon on one count of murder with the special circumstance allegation of rape.

The hearing for case BA426187 is scheduled in Department 30 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

On Aug. 30, 1980, the 36-year-old victim, identified on the felony complaint as Stephanie S., was found dead inside her Silver Lake apartment in the 3500 block of Marathon Street. She had been beaten and stabbed, the prosecutor said.

Forensic evidence from the crime scene was linked to Parkinson who is currently serving a 15-years-to-life sentence in Chuckawalla Valley State Prison for an unrelated 1981 murder in Los Angeles.

A decision will be made at a later date about whether to seek the death penalty.

The case is being investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department, Robbery-Homicide Division.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the <u>Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office</u> prosecuted more than 73,000 felony defendants and 113,000 misdemeanor defendants.